## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including February 17, 2008, in which to respond to the final Office Action dated September 17, 2007.

The Director is authorized to deduct the fee for a two-month extension of time and any additional fees relating to the enclosed materials under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE.

Respectfully submitted,

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